

look at the moon
and laugh your balls off
out there in the Blue Hills
the milky way sings a song
and Old Macbeth rises
from his Scottish Castle across the shore
walk through town
some cat with a hot rod
pulls out a confederate flag
and yells vote for Wallace
he's probably the guy
who threw shit in the kid's face
at the anti-war demonstration
Go out to the Blue Hills
7 Miles out of Manhattan Kansas
and look at the sky
Man creates war
and makes the machines that harvest the wheat
take your lover by the hand
and do a dance on her thigh bone
under a tree
or in the grass
and the milky way will smile down from the night sky
Out there by the old reservoir
Love is Boss
and Kansas whispers
Corn
Wheat
Motorcycles
Gasoline

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AUNT TILLY'S RAG

Aunt Tilly
driving in a fog
laughing with Chinamen
your thighs driving in the dark night
moon rags in your eyes frying fish
flag of American Tilly in the wind
Aunt Tilly chopping nuts for Passover seders
Vegetarian
Organic Chili
Tilly of Los Angeles
Chicago
Boston
Rome
Madagascar
forever Tilly's

Lily of Aunt Tilly
 dead the husbands of Tilly
 Max
 Benny
 Walter
 George
 Charlie all gone
 Tartars shining Russian boots
 rings of Aunt Tilly
 shining ass of Aunt Tilly
 Aunt Tilly's son down to sea weed
 Tilly's coat to Good Will
 Tilly everywhere on the buses
 Tilly of Larchmont
 Shaker Heights
 Beverly Hills
 Fairlane
 Woodlawn
 Westchester
 stinking rich Tilly
 Tilly you're a dilly
 Tilly your ass with flowers
 red rag of Spanish Tilly
 monkeys wacking off on Tilly
 my aunt Tilly
 Marguerite
 Josephine
 Maximilian Tilly
 Mexican Tilly in Los Gatos
 Tilly my ass hurts
 Gone Tilly
 Gone Tilly
 Tilly I'm an American Poet
 When you die you'll laugh Tilly
 when blue coats buy industry
 stocks and bonds Tilly
 boxes of rags Tilly
 Indian Joe's Tilly
 Wilken's Tilly
 Karl's Tilly
 your nose is green
 your nose Tilly
 old age & friendship clubs Tilly
 4 marriages
 7 Bar Mitzvahs
 3 abortions
 Rachmaninoff's Tilly
 hats
 rouge
 lipstick
 lingerie
 gloves
 panties
 garters
 slips

pajamas
hot water bottles
alarm clocks
aspirin Tilly
bagels
lox
salmon
cream cheese
halvah
Kreplach
Oregano
dog food
rents
mortgages
down payments
welfare
foodstamps
Kiamesia Lake
Monticello
Bronx chairs in the sunlight
five million American Tilly's
streets of Tilly
accordians
chopmeat
horse radish
dominoes
remember Tilly
nobody remembers Tilly
your daughter Rose with Norse and Bukowski
jerking Jack off in the movies Tilly
O Tilly your boy friends are gone
Harry Ledpecker
Simon Finkel
Mendy Wiess
Apples Malone
Rabbi Hirschman
who left the rag upstairs
Fridays in the Ritz Movie
& dancehalls
& weddings
& funerals
& bedrooms
& dreams
O Tilly of Venice
 Brighton
 Beverly Fairfax
 Boyle Heights
 Brooklyn
 Chicago
 East side
 Delancey Street rags

O!
French
German
Spanish
Rumanian

Bessarabian
Russian
American Tilly's
O rag in the sunlight
wet bloody rag of life
in your world no more rags
in your world no more life
in your world your rags are blue
Tilly

ILLUMINATION

Chicago
Rock Island
Missouri
Kansas Speedway
Cleveland Oklahoma, Texas Panhandle
America Engines Flying
Ain't waiting for some Messiah to come down
Tell me I'm a poet
Mediocrity seeks the same bullshit
Art is Dead
And All censorship is against Humanity
Let the Kids rise up and make it better
Seems there is nothing but power
Chicago
Rock Island
Sacramento
L. A.
Cleveland
Columbus
Indiana, San Francisco
Sold my blood on a Frisco line
with a guy who done 7 years
For Armed Robbery
Robbed of his birth right of Individuality
The Arts ain't for us poor whites
Ain't for the Real Cats
Sorry to say I've had it
Had it up to my Neck
Walked the Miracle Mile didn't have a fucking dime
Just want to get drunk and Sing Songs

-- Jack Micheline

San Francisco, Calif.